September 1914, a district is treated as a separate unit and the amount raised in each district is required to be spent in it. Under the new arrangement the malnad parts will also be entitled to receive benefit equivalent to their contribution.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Emptying tanks.

Mr. Chikbadappa, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When tanks are completely emptied great difficulties are experienced for drinking water to men and cattle and the water in wells in the gardens under such tanks also dries up. It is, therefore, prayed that orders may issue to retain always 3 feet of water in tanks.

The member urged that this could be done by raising the waste weir.

Mr. Hanumantha Rao said that the atchkat holders would never consent to water being refused for irrigation while it was available.

Reply of Government.—Government will have no objection if the villagers and the holders of the atchkat consent to the proposal.

SUBJECT No. 55.

(*a*) Restoration of major and minor tanks in malnad.

Messrs. Santappa Setty, Koppa taluk, and H. Krishna Rao, Kadur District Board.

(*b*) Classification of major and minor tanks.

Mr. M. S. Ramachar, Kolar municipality.

(*c*) Improvement of minor tanks.

(1) Mr. Dorasamiengar, Chamrajnagar taluk.

(2) Messrs. Gangappa, Nagamangala taluk, and Linge Gowda, Krishnarajpete taluk.

(3) Messrs. Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar taluk, and Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

(*d*) Earthwork to tanks.

(1) Mr. Ramappa, Challakere taluk.

(2) Messrs. Chik Ramanna and Byre Gowda, Kolar taluk, H. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk, and Mallegowda, Bowringpet taluk, Danasetti, Dodballapur taluk, and Srikantaiya, Dodballapur municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) All tanks whether major or minor in the malnad parts of the district may be restored once for all by Government as such restoration is necessary for purposes of irrigation owing to the scanty and uncertain rains.

(*b*) It is prayed that a more satisfactory classification may be made by taking the assessment of the lands under the tank as the criterion for the classification instead of the 10 years' average of actual collections.

(*c*) (1) Though the rate of kandayam levied on wet land both under minor and major tanks is the same, the earthwork of major tanks is undertaken by the Government, while that of the minor tanks is left to the raiyats holding lands under them who neglect the work owing to want of unanimity among them. Hence the condition of the minor tanks is far from satisfactory. It is prayed that the earthwork of minor tanks also be undertaken by Government, the cost being recovered in instalments from the raiyats holding lands under those tanks.

(2) The budget allotment for the annual repairs of tanks is being used up for the repairs of a few big tanks. The smaller tanks are without repairs for a very long time. Many tanks are completely silted up with the result that sufficient water is not available for men and cattle. It is prayed that these minor tanks may also be repaired.

(3) As the raiyats holding lands under tanks are suffering greatly, it is further prayed that a commission be appointed to enquire into (1) atchkats under tanks,